Subject: Phyrus / Philatelus imitation coin

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[Oakland, CA]

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Dear Sirs;

I have in my possession a coin about which I am trying to obtain some information. I have previously written the British Museum, London, England in regards to its authenticity, and they have referred me to you as an authority on its possible value.

In so much as the coin has been found to be a tetradrachm of the dynasty of Pergamun, either Eumenes I, B.C. 263-241, or Attalus I, B.C. 241-197. I should be very grateful for any information you could give me on the subject.

Yours Truly.

R.A. Meloling
2617 Grande Vista Ave.
Oakland. Calif.

Oct. 22, 1937

Mr. R. A. Meloling,
2617 Grande Vista Ave.,
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter just at hand. If you care to send the coin on to us, we could undoubtedly give you complete information. Without the coin we cannot help you out.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

2617 Grande Vista
Oakland
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Mr. Howland Wood-

Dear Sir-

By same post I am sending the coin about which I asked you. Post regn. post.

thank you so much for your trouble.

Enclosed is postage for to return.

Sincerely

Robert A. Welding

Pvt (A.M.C.)

Nov. 4, 1937

Mr. Robert A. Meloling,
2617 Grande Vista Ave.
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter and package at hand and we have examined the coin. It is modern work representing a coin of Phyrus on the obverse and a coin of Philetarus on the reverse. It was evidently made for jewelry purposes to deceive collectors. It is not even silver but brass, silver plated, and has absolutely no value.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks